



NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP



THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

In the pastoral care of Bishop Stephen Wright



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING 26th November 2023 (*Year A*)

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Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!

Christ conquers! Christ reigns! Christ commands!

CITY CENTRE CLERGY

V. Rev. Canon Simon Lerche (*Cathedral Dean and Parish Priest St Dominic's*)

Rev. Fr Andrew Shaw (*Parish Priest St Andrews, Priest Chaplain to Newcastle & Northumbria Universities*)

Rev. Fr William Nicol (*Parish Priest St Michael's; Assistant Priest, Cathedral*)

Rev. Fr. Dermot Preston SJ, Rev. Fr Peter Randall SJ & Rev. Fr Gero McLoughlin SJ, (*Resident at St Dominic's* | www.jesuitsnewcastle.org)

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ALL ARE WELCOME

The City Centre Partnership aims to be welcoming and inclusive to all, and it is always a joy to welcome to our celebrations of Holy Mass those of our sisters and brothers who are not in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you are not (yet) a Catholic or are indisposed to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, you are invited to come forward at the appropriate time and receive a blessing from the priests distributing Holy Communion, indicating this by folding your arms over your chest.

We would ask those who are in communion with the Church and are able to receive, to familiarise themselves with the correct means of receiving the Sacred Host and to consume the Host before moving away from the priest or minister of Communion to go back to your place.

If you are considering becoming a Catholic and would like more information, one of the priests would be more than happy to explore this with you.

NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Newcastle Schools Carol Service. We look forward to welcoming the staff and Year 5 pupils of our Newcastle Schools who will perform their Carols Service on **Wednesday 6 December** at 10am. *NB there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the day*

Mass for Retired Clergy. Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass for the Retired Clergy of our Diocese on **Tuesday 19 December** at 12.05pm. *NB The Cloister Café will be closed to the public for the day.*

Cathedral Carols by Candlelight. All are welcome to our Cathedral Carols by Candlelight on **Tuesday 19 December** at 7pm

St Cuthbert's Catholic High School Carols Service. We welcome back the students who, as you may remember, played an important role in Bishop Stephen's Installation Mass back in July, for their Carol Service on **Wednesday 20 December** at 7pm.

NEWS FROM ST DOMINIC'S

Mass Intentions. If you wish to have Holy Mass celebrated for your own personal intention, envelopes are always available at the back of church. Please try and give two weeks notice for your preferred date and Mass time.

Advent Collections. The two donation boxes at the back of church will be used for your contributions towards International and local causes including St Cuthbert's Care. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Advent Angels. "Light a Light for a Loved One". Our Angels will be available to hang on the tree from next weekend (2nd/3rd December) Holy Mass will be offered for your memories each Monday (6pm) and Thursday (10am) during Advent. Thank you for your kind donation towards our parish. Once again we are indebted to Eileen and her husband for producing the Angels,

Advent Calendar. At St Dominic's we have a very diverse congregation at our services. To date we have identified 24 countries to which our roots belong whilst remembering we all belong to God's Family. We all pray for Peace as we await the arrival of the Peace of Christ coming into the world at Christmas. One window on our calendar will be opened each day.

Christmas cards are still available for you to purchase at 50p each. Thank you.

NEWS FROM ST MICHAEL'S

Christmas Fayre. The Christmas Fayre will be held on **Wednesday 13 December** at 3.30pm. Join us for the usual fantastic stalls and festive treats. All are welcome to attend.

Carols by Candlelight. Our carol service with St Michael's Primary School will be held on **Wednesday 20 December**, and all are welcome.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

This Sunday, **26 November**, is National Youth Sunday. Celebrated on the Solemnity of Christ the King, National Youth Sunday is an opportunity to recognise young people as a gift in the Church, enable the youth ministry and for our parish communities to celebrate young people and affirm the valuable contribution that they make in the life of the Church and those who work with them. ***There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend for YMT as they continue their good work with young people in the Diocese. Many thanks in advance.***

LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENT & CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

A Series of Advent talks entitled '*The Word became Flesh*' will take place in the Cathedral Conference Room at 1.00pm on Thursdays throughout December. Further details will be included in our next weeks bulletin along with Christmas Mass times and other events in the Partnership.

PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Pauline Books and Media now have in stock a wide range of beautiful cards and gifts for Advent and Christmas. If you are interested in a particular item or just looking for inspiration please pay the Book Centre a visit and speak to a member of staff.

IS GOD CALLING ME TO BE A PRIEST?

The Vocations Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more. The evenings will take place at the Cloister Cafe, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on **Tuesday 5 December**. We start at 6.00pm with a period of prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together, finishing around 8.00pm. If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Fr Shaun Purdy by email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk.

REFLECTION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Lord Jesus,

*You are the King of Kings, the Shepherd of our Souls,
Our Redeemer, Our Saviour, and Our Friend.*

*You hold us close to you. Watching when we go astray,
seeking us out when we are lost, when we are scattered in the mist and darkness.*

*You destroy our enemies, even death cannot prevail against you.
You bring all your people to life in you, So that God may be all and in all.*

Amen



There is something very fundamental about today's message from the Gospel; something well worth our consideration. Jesus is talking to his disciples about the last judgement. He lists some criteria which will be used to separate the sheep from the goats. There is no mention of how many times they have been to Mass or how well their prayer life has progressed. No, the main criteria listed in Matthews Gospel is how well they have loved.

Beth Nielson Chapman, the American Singer / Songwriter sums up the core of the message as she sings
***"Life has taught me this, every day is new and if anything is true.
All that matters, when we're through, is how we loved"***.

Faithfulness brings its own reward but unless we make the love of others our main priority faith has no meaning. We cannot save ourselves; we can only do what we can for each other and hope that our efforts are sufficient to save us. Belonging to a church does not ensure salvation; we must follow Christ every day and act as He did to the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the lost and the sick. It is only by giving of ourselves that we find eternal life.

David Frank

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

During Ordinary Time from September to Advent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel;

Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation;

Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families



THE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Serving the Universities of Newcastle & Northumbria

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Join us for social time in the Chaplaincy Room after Sunday Mass at St Andrew's.

Monday at 5:30pm: CREDO

Pray and reflect on the Sunday Readings

Wednesdays at 6pm: CONTAGIOUS FAITH (including a hot meal of veggie pasta)

Wednesday 29 November: 'A Different Perspective' with Stephen Richardson

Wednesday 6 December: 'Confession, Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Wednesday 13 December: 'Any Questions'

FORTHCOMING SOCIALS (further details on website)

Tuesday 28 November: GBBO Final

Tuesday 5 December: CAROLOake in Sunderland

Saturday 9 December: Christmas Market

Tuesday 12 December: Chaplaincy Christmas Dinner

Please join the Chaplaincy WhatsApp group for further details.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK IN THE CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

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| SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King | 5pm | <i>St Andrew's</i> | Special Intention |
| | 5.30pm | <i>St Dominic's</i> | Patricia & Davie Kelly RIP |
| | 8am | <i>Cathedral</i> | People of the Parish |
| | 10am | <i>St Dominic's</i> | Susan Cummings RIP |
| | 10am | <i>Cathedral</i> | Peter Oakes (A) |
| | 11am | <i>St Michael's</i> | People of the Parish |
| | 11.30am | <i>Cathedral</i> | Jerry Rozanski (A) |
| | 6pm | <i>St Andrew's</i> | People of the Parish |
| | 6.30pm | <i>Cathedral</i> | Peter Vlada RIP |
| 7pm | <i>St Dominic's</i> | People of the Parish | |
| Monday 27th November <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> | 12.05pm | <i>Cathedral</i> | Gabrielle & Michael RIP |
| | 6pm | <i>St Dominic's</i> | Holy Souls |
| Tuesday 28th November <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> | 10am | <i>St Dominic's</i> | Celebrant's Intention |
| | 12.05pm | <i>Cathedral</i> | Weir Larsen RIP |
| | 5.30pm | <i>St Andrew's</i> | Leo Crossling RIP |
| Wednesday 29th November <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> | 10am | <i>St Dominic's</i> | Celebrant's Intention |
| | 12.05pm | <i>Cathedral</i> | George Errington & Deceased Members of the Errington Family |
| | 5.30pm | <i>St Andrew's</i> | Stan & Norah Maxwell RIP |
| Thursday 30th November <i>St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland (Feast)</i> <i>(Solemnity at St Andrew's)</i> | 9.30am | <i>St Michael's</i> | Holy Souls |
| | 10am | <i>St Dominic's</i> | Holy Souls |
| | 12.05pm | <i>Cathedral</i> | William & Anne Michell RIP |
| | 5.30pm | <i>St Andrew's</i> | Our Lady of Fatima |
| Friday 1st December <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> | 10am | <i>St Dominic's</i> | Birthday Intentions of Mrs Meena Antony |
| | 12.05pm | <i>Cathedral</i> | Eric Smith & His Parents RIP |
| | 5.30pm | <i>St Andrew's</i> | Mary Adams |
| Saturday 2nd November <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> | 10am | <i>Cathedral</i> | John & Jenny Rosborough RIP |
| SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER The First Sunday in Advent | 5pm | <i>St Andrew's</i> | Bryan Crossling |
| | 5.30pm | <i>St Dominic's</i> | Patricia & Davie Kelly RIP |
| | 8am | <i>Cathedral</i> | Antonio Gregorio (A) |
| | 10am | <i>St Dominic's</i> | People of the Parish |
| | 10am | <i>Cathedral</i> | People of the Parish |
| | 11am | <i>St Michael's</i> | People of the Parish |
| | 11.30am | <i>Cathedral</i> | Maria Cristina Echeverry RIP |
| | 6pm | <i>St Andrew's</i> | People of the Parish |
| | 6.30pm | <i>Cathedral</i> | Joe & Helen McPartlin RIP |
| 7pm | <i>St Dominic's</i> | Mary Kelly RIP | |

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Cathedral

Mon, Wed & Fri after 12.05pm Mass.

St. Andrew's

Tues to Fri 4.45pm-5.15pm; Saturday 4.15pm-4.45pm

St. Dominic's

Wed 5pm-6.30pm



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Cathedral

Mon to Wed & Fri 11am-11.45am (Rosary on Fridays)

St. Andrew's

Tues to Fri 4.45pm-5.15pm

St. Dominic's

Wed 5pm-6.30pm